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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Attorney Docket No. 05-949)**

In the Application of: )  
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 Matejat et al. )  
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 Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
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 U.S. Nat'l Phase of PCT/EP2004/006115 )  
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 Filing Date: Herewith )  
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 For: Method for Regenerating Etching Solutions )  
 Containing Iron for the Use in Etching or )  
 Pickling Copper or Copper Alloys and an )  
 Apparatus for Carrying Out Said Method )

Examiner: Unassigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1350

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application and calculation of the filing fee,  
please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of  
this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.